

MR. P. J. THOMAS (*Deputy Chief Engineer*) : The road has been completed.

Public Works in Nagercoil Division.

160 * MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Tovala cum Agastisva-ram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the Budget allotment for the Nagercoil P. W. Division in 1115 ;

(b) the amount spent in 1115 ; and

(c) the amount surrendered ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS (*Deputy Chief Engineer*) : (a) Rs. 3,83,589.

(b) Rs 3,22,663.

(c) Nil.

Trivandrum—Kattakada bus service.

161. * MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUJU (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the number of buses permitted to ply for hire in the Trivandrum-Kattakada line ;

(b) the number of times they are allowed to run ;

(c) the distance from Kattakada to Trivandrum ;

(d) whether they have fixed the bus-fare and, if so, how much ;

(e) whether the Trivandrum-Kattakada line is now monopolised by an individual ;

(f) whether they have received complaints about the unsatisfactory way in which the bus service is conducted in that line ;

(g) the action taken thereon ;

(h) whether they have considered the feasibility of extending the transport service to Kattakada by directing one or two buses now running to Nedumangad and to Poojapura in clockwise and anti-clockwise directions ; and

(i) if so, the conclusion arrived at ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY (*Inspector-General of Police*) : (a) One.

(b) The bus has got timings to run at intervals of half an hour from 6 A. M. to 8 P. M.

(c) 12 miles.

(d) Yes ; Chs. 5.

(e) The service is conducted by one individual.

(f) No.

(g) Does not arise in view of answer to part (f).

(h) Yes

(i) The matter was dropped.

Bus Service between Trivandrum and Kattakada.

162. * MR. VARKALA K MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil cum Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the number of buses permitted at present to ply for hire in Trivandrum-Kattakada line ;

(b) the number of times they are permitted to run in a day ;

- (c) the number of times they actually run ;
- (d) whether there is any fixed time for the service in a day ;
- and
- (e) whether they have received any complaints about the unsatisfactory condition of the service ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : (a) One.

(b) The bus is permitted to run at 30 minutes' interval from 6 A. M. to 8. P. M.

(c) Three.

(d) The member is referred to answer to part (b).

(e) No.

Bus Service between Kattakada and Nedumangad.

163. * **MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any regular motor bus service between Kattakada and Nedumangad and, if so, at what time ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : Yes. One Bus is allowed to run service between Trivandrum and Nedumangad via Kattakada and it has permission to make 2 trips in a day to suit the convenience of the travelling public.

Power-alcohol mixed with petrol.

164. * **SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA (Nominated) :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether power-alcohol mixed with petrol has been tried in the buses run by the Transport Department ;

(b) what the results of that experiment are from the stand point of the expenditure involved ; and

(c) whether the authorities investigated the question as to whether the engines of the vehicles will in any way be affected by the use of such a mixture, and if so to what extent ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : (a) Yes.

(b) In the proportion in which they are mixed, i. e., 25 percent. of Alcohol with 75 per cent of Petrol, the same results are obtained in power and running as when petrol is used. Hence there is a saving of 11½ annas for every gallon of Alcohol consumed.

(c) Yes. The engine will not be affected.

Pilgrims to Sabarimala.

165. * **SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA (Nominated) :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether any, and if so, what measures have been taken to ascertain the total number of pilgrims who go every year to Sabarimala for worship in the local Sastha Temple ;

(b) what the arrangements are that have already been made by the Medical, Public Health, Public Works and Forest Departments to afford them the necessary facilities ;